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This One Was Almost Too Close To Call!

Romulus residents who have never participated in elections because they believed that "one vote won't make a difference" should have learned a valuable lesson on Tuesday, November 2.

That was the day of the City's general election for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, and City Council.

An unofficial count tabulated by City Clerk Linda Choate's office after polls closed at 8 p.m. revealed the closest City Council election race in the history of Romulus.

Unofficial totals for the unopposed incumbents in the Mayor, Clerk, and Treasurer elections showed Mayor Beverly McAnally garnering 1,829 of the 2,629 total votes cast, Clerk Choate receiving 1,797 votes, and Treasurer James Napiorkowski getting 1,647 votes.

But, with nine ballot candidates and one write-in candidate battling for the seven available City Council seats, unofficial tallies showed incumbent Mary Ann Banks retaining her Mayor Pro Tem position with a total of 1,796 votes, followed by incumbents Randolph Gear (1,708), William Wadsworth (1,569), Jimmie C. Raspberry (1,476), Noah "Pete" Bergeron (1,327), and Ellis Pennington (1,316).

Although the seventh incumbent, Russell Lambert, did not file petitions to place his name on the ballot as a Council candidate, a last-minute decision to seek write-in votes earned him an unofficial count of 103 – clearly not nearly enough to retain his position as the seventh Councilman. That left newcomers Mary Hatten Collins, Michael Prybyla, and Gwen Sibert to vie for the seat vacated by Lambert – and what a fight it was!

Tuesday's unofficial totals showed a single vote separating the top two – Prybyla and Collins – who received 1,299 and 1,298 votes, respectively. Sibert was respectably close behind with a total of 1,179.

Understandably, candidates and residents alike were anxious to find out if Tuesday's count would be overturned in the Board of Canvassers' official Wednesday tally – however, even though the official count revealed a slight discrepancy in three of the candidates' vote totals (Napiorkowski gained one vote, Wadsworth lost five votes, and seven of Lambert's write-in votes were disqualified when voters did not use both his first and last name), both Prybyla's and Collins' tallies remained the same. □

Sinister Senior Citizens Howl at Halloween Happening



Getting into the haunting holiday spirit at the Tower's October 29 Halloween bash were Gerry Westbay (left) and Doris Mackle.

By Mary E. Clark

The banquet hall at the Romulus Tower senior-citizen apartment building was lavishly decorated, and the eerie sounds of Halloween drifted through the room and echoed down the hall. All the preparations had been made for a party... and what a party!

Sixty-five senior citizens – some timid and fearful, some strong-hearted and brave – arrived. Quite a few were dressed in outlandish garb, ready to compete in a costume contest: a magic pumpkin and even a "moo-cow" mingled with a clown, a Cher look-alike, and a pirate. Overhead, skeletons, black cats, and other spine-chilling apparitions swayed.

There was plenty of good food, fit for the most elite of the Empire of Darkness: ghosts, goblins, ghouls, and

witches. The guests were treated to sloppy Joe's, chips, donuts and cider, coffee, pudding, candy, and popcorn shaped like hands – complete with fingernails!

Everyone enjoyed the food and, despite the frightening atmosphere and sounds, they dared to dance and to hold the contest. Winners were: first place – Pauline Bragenzer; second place – Floyd Crandall; and third place – Russell Comer.

Appetites were satisfied and the excitement of the evening came to an end. Guests departed smiling, and the creatures of Halloween disappeared for another year.

The young-hearted, dare-devil seniors of Romulus Tower wish to thank manager Audry Moomaw and her staff for a wonderful party. □

Seniors Had the Spirit!



Even though the Romulus High School Eagles suffered their seventh defeat of the season (losing to Willow Run 19-0) at the annual Homecoming game, held October 22, the Class of '94 maintained a winning attitude and emerged victorious from the week's Spirit Jug competition.

This year's Court featured members of all four classes. Freshman Prince/Princess were Robert Garner and Andrace DeYambert; Scott Drys-

dale and Kelly Walczak were Sophomore Prince/Princess; the Junior class Prince/Princess were Fred Lorenz and Davina Thomas; and the 1993 Homecoming King and Queen were Maurice Hatcher and LeKeisha Holmes.

After finishing the football season with a defeat to Belleville, 47-0, and posting a final 1-8 record, the young Eagles hope that the experience gained in this year's trials will stand them in good stead next year. □

Ford Sponsors Health Plan

Congressman William D. Ford (D-Ypsilanti), promising that his committee would report a bill that "guarantees health care insurance coverage as a right of citizenship," has sponsored the introduction of President Clinton's health-care reform proposal. Ford is chairman of the Education and Labor Committee, which should have a key role in writing the final plan.

"In the coming months, my committee will examine the details of the Clinton plan," Ford said. "No doubt, there will be some changes, but the basic principals will remain: a comprehensive set of affordable, guaranteed health-care benefits for all Americans, regardless of any 'preexisting condition' and regardless of employment status."

Many Americans are anxious that they will lose their health insurance should they be laid off or fired. "Under this plan, my constituents can rest assured that they will always have coverage, whether working or not," Ford said.

"This bill also will preserve the ability of Michiganians to keep their doctors. Everyone will be able to choose among at least three health plans, which is more choice than many employees have now. And doctors will be able to join any number of plans, thus ensuring that they can treat their current patients.

"In the coming months, I will work closely with the administration and with my colleagues to make health care available and affordable for all Americans." □

Smokey's Den

All Quiet on Devil's Night

By Dorothy Nesler

Romulus Fire Chief William Green-slaft reports that, thanks largely to the efforts of firefighters who patrolled the community on Saturday, October 30 (Devil's Night), Romulus residents enjoyed an uneventful evening.

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On Saturday, October 16, the annual Fireman's Ball was held at the Progressive Club here in Romulus. After a cocktail hour, a delicious roast beef dinner with all the trimmings was served, followed by dancing to music provided by Thomas & Thomas.

The funds raised from this annual event will be used to purchase fire equipment not provided for in the Fire Department budget.

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Members of the Romulus Fire Department observed Fire Prevention Week (October 4-8) through a variety of projects at local grade schools and throughout the community.

Ronald McDonald and several firemen went to Halecreek, Merriman, and Barth schools. Dave Allison, the City Fire Marshal, and fellow firefighters Dan Larbeske, Scott Mullins, Bob McCraight, Greg Milatz, Sheila Bufford, John Thiede, Jerry Hollis, Jesse Knick, Mike Wojtylko, and Dawn Kelly presented fire-safety skits (such as "stop, drop, and roll," fire-escape plans, smoke-detector safety, fire safety with matches, and the use of the 911 emergency system) at Wick and Cory schools. Fire Pup accompanied the firemen on their visit.

The school children received junior fire badges, fire-safety books, stickers, pencils, and bookmarks. A Fire Pup puppet was placed in each school to remind the kids to practice fire safety all year round.

The Romulus Fire Department reminds residents that, without the support of our community and local businesses, this program would not have been possible. Thank you all!

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It's that time again! The Goodfellows will be getting busy very soon. Applications will be available beginning November 15 at Fire Station #4, the Police Department, and City Hall.

The Goodfellows have enjoyed great success in the past, and are hoping to have an even better holiday this year. Paper sales are scheduled for December 3-4. Donations of new, unwrapped toys or purchased canned/boxed food may be dropped off at Station #4 during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

We do want everyone to keep in mind that, although we appreciate all donations, we cannot accept preopened, out-dated, or unlabeled goods.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Fire Department at 941-8585.

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Romulus citizens are reminded that there is no open burning in Wayne County! Ticketing and/or fines will be levied against individuals who violate this ordinance.

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Fire Station #2, located at 7221 Middlebelt, currently has three openings for firefighters. Applicants of at least 18 years of age may contact the Romulus Fire Department at 941-8585.

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Firefighter Jim Poet and his wife Diane became the proud parents of a baby girl on October 28.

Steve Bossidis and his wife Anna welcomed a baby boy on October 26. Congratulations!

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The following firefighters celebrate birthdays this month: Marvin Webb (November 4), Michael Garnatz (November 13), Don Schmidt (November 15), and Sheila Bufford (November 30). Happy birthday to all!

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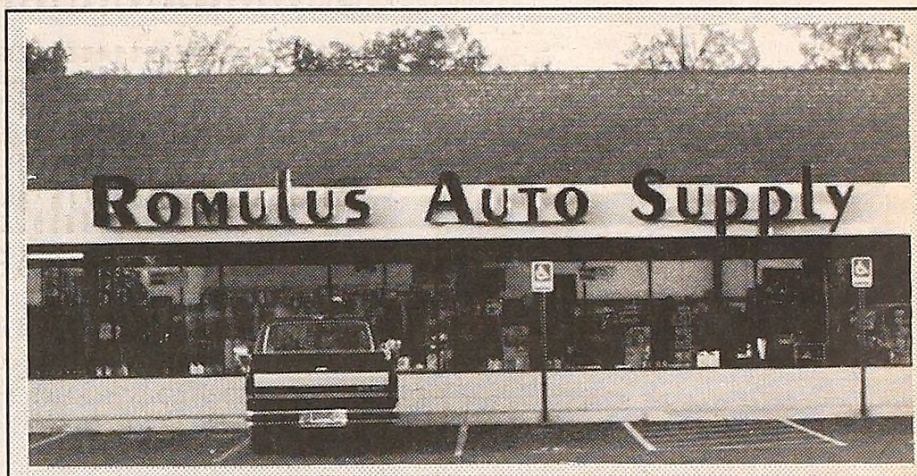
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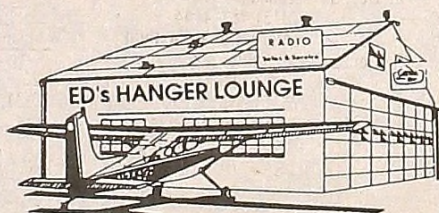
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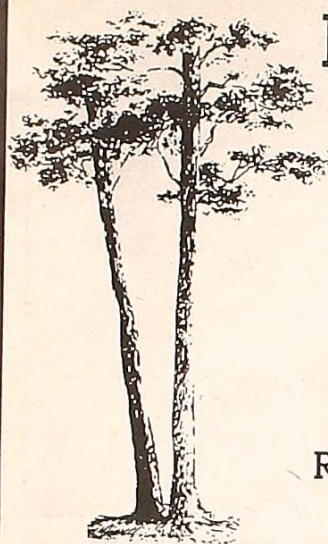
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Local Commentary

To the Community of Romulus: Make a Stand

(Editor's note: The purpose of the "Local Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible spokespersons are invited to make use of this column at any time. Views expressed in "Local Commentary" are not necessarily those of "the little paper.")

We the people of Romulus must make a stand together, along with local government and our businesses, to immediately stop Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) from operating. Due to the backdoor tactics of this type of operation, we as a community were unaware of the extent to which EDS had progressed. A well that may come to Romulus, as stated in *The Romulus News* in 1990, is now here, and may be operating soon.

This community must band together and make a stand. We do not want to be

known — as Jane Downing, Director of Community Development, stated — as "The Wasteway to the World." As a unified body involving all people of our city, we can work hard to stop this potential disaster from happening.

You can help by supporting candidates who have gone on record as opposing the first commercial Class I hazardous injection well in Michigan; signing and circulating petitions; wearing black ribbons; and displaying signs and black bows as a symbol of unity.

Join an environmental group such as RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People).

We can no longer sit back and let our neighbors do the work and cheer them on. We must all stand up, take notice, and do this together.

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RECAP spokesperson

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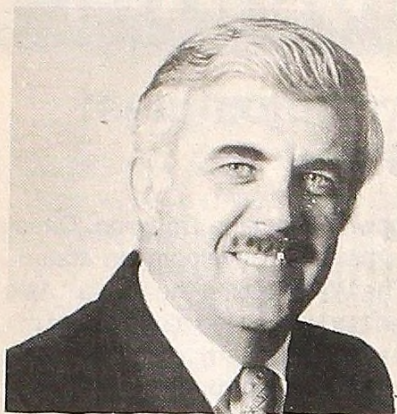


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13-14	Winter Art Fair, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, (313) 995-7281	26-28	Dickens Olde-Fashioned Christmas, Holly (313) 634-1900
15-16	Orange Coat Round-up, Grayling, (517) 348-7111	26-28	Zoo Lights Festival, Battle Creek, (616) 979-1351
19	Silver Bells in the City, Lansing, (517) 372-4636	26-28	Michigan Christmas Tree Festival, Holland, Grand Haven, Zeeland, (616) 396-4221
20	Christmas Parade, Saginaw, (517) 771-2409	27-28	Tenth Annual Christmas Tree Festival, Matthes Evergreen Farm, Ida, (313) 269-6244
20-21	Holiday Art Fair, Midland Center for the Arts, Midland, (517) 631-3250	27-31	1850's Holiday Evening at Eagle Tavern, Greenfield Village, Dearborn, (313) 271-1620
20-28	Festival of Trees, Cobo Center, Detroit, (313) 224-1010	27-31	Christmas Fantasyland, Kennedy Memorial Center, Lincoln Park, (313) 386-1817
21	Holiday Parade, Downtown, Monroe, (313) 242-3366	28-31	Christmas Traditions, Meadowbrook Hall, Rochester, (313) 370-3140
21-22	Festival of Lights, Ypsilanti, (313) 483-4444		
22-23	International Festival of Lights, Battle Creek, (616) 968-1515		
24-27	Christmas Antique Show, Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, (616) 938-2100		
25	Michigan Thanksgiving Day Parade, Detroit, (313) 224-1184		
25-26	Christmas Carnival, Cobo Center, Detroit, (313) 224-1010		
26	Christmas Parade, Alpena, (800) 582-1906		
26-27	Hackley & Hume Holiday Tours, Hackley & Hume Historic Sites, Muskegon, (616) 722-7578		
26-28	Christmas Candlelight Walk, Chesaning, (517) 845-3055		
DECEMBER			
1-23	Celebrate the Holidays, Greenfield Village, Dearborn, (313) 271-1620	3-5	Christmas Fantasyland Train Ride, Bridgeport, (517) 777-3480
2-3	Christmas Candlewalk, Flushing, (313) 659-4141	10, 12, 17-21	Christmas in the Village, Escanaba, (906) 474-6888
2-3	Dow Gardens Christmas Walk, Midland, (517) 631-2677	4-5	Holiday Arts & Crafts Show, Cook Energy Information Center, Bridgman, (800) 548-2555
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2-5, 9-12	Christmas at Crossroads, Crossroads Village, Flint, (313) 232-8900	4-5, 11-12, 18-19	Dickens Olde-Fashioned Christmas, Holly (313) 634-1900
16-23	Hackley & Hume Holiday Tours, Hackley & Hume Historic Sites, Muskegon, (616) 722-7578	5	Victorian Christmas Open House, Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, (517) 787-2320
3-4, 5-8, 12, 19, 26		8	Noel Night, University Cultural Center, Detroit, (313) 577-5088
		8	Cultural Center Holiday Walk, Flint, (313) 760-1169
		12	Christmas at the Courthouse, Charlotte, (517) 543-0400
		16-30	Nutcracker Ballet & Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Fox Theatre, Detroit, (313) 396-7600
		29-30	Great Lakes Invitational College Hockey Tournament, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, (313) 396-7600
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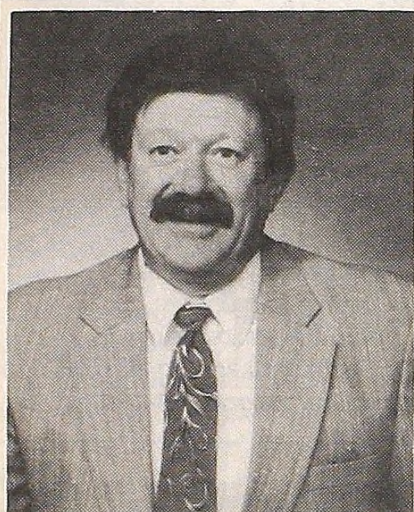
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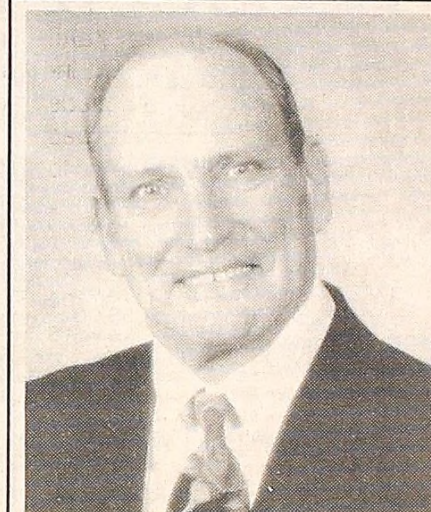
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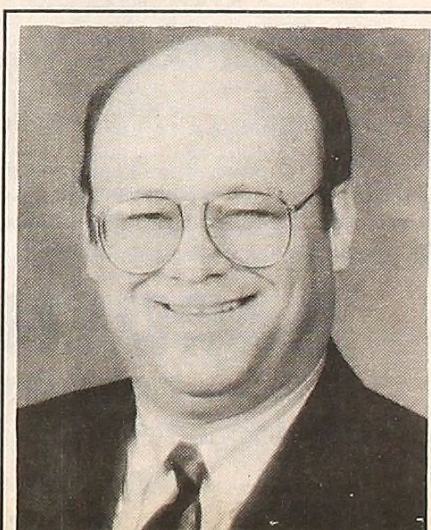
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BERGERON**
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Romulus Profile: James Napiorkowski

By Tom Shamanski

In January 1989, Romulus City Treasurer James Napiorkowski began a program — which he continues to this day — of personally assisting Romulus' senior citizens in filing an important part of their Michigan Income Tax returns by obtaining the information necessary for completing their Michigan Homestead Property Tax and Michigan Heating Credit forms . . . and he performs this service at no charge.

"They come to my office in City Hall," explained Napiorkowski, "and it takes about 15 minutes for me to get the information and send the forms to the State. These are people who are on fixed incomes and can't afford to go to a place like H&R Block. In the first year, I helped about 150 seniors; last year, it was up to more than 230."

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In this year's City election, the 42-year-old Dearborn native was, for the third consecutive time, unopposed in his bid for the office of Romulus City Treasurer. In Napiorkowski's initial bid for the post, in November 1987, he ran against — and defeated — incumbent John Lewkowicz.

When queried as to what had prompted him to take the initial plunge into City government, the 18-year Romulus resident replied, "I was doing volunteer work at City Hall in 1986 and, through that, I became more interested in local government. At first, I was thinking about running for City Council — but, in early 1987, Mayor [Beverly] McAnally encouraged me to run for City Treasurer, instead."

Napiorkowski continued, saying that his decision to run for Treasurer was arrived at only after careful consideration over a period of months. A major factor in his deliberations was the fact that the office was a full-time post.

"At that time," he said, "I had been with General Motors for 14 years. Although my wife was working, her income wouldn't have been enough to support our family if I ran in, and lost, the election. Finally, we decided that I should try it and, in September 1987, I took a buy-out from GM."

Consequently, Napiorkowski was unemployed from the time of his GM departure until he won the election in November.

"Things were tight," he recalled, "but we managed."

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A 1969 graduate of Taylor's Kennedy High School (his family moved to Taylor when he was three years old), Napiorkowski has furthered his education by periodic attendance at Ypsilanti's Eastern Michigan University, Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, and Wayne County Community College. Besides taking business and accounting classes, he has also earned credits in

drafting, mathematics, and the skilled trades. Of these, the business and accounting classes were most helpful when Napiorkowski was first elected as City Treasurer.

"When I took office," he stated, "the first thing that I wanted to do was modernize the Department. At that point, computers weren't being used in our area. By employing the use of computers, the Department's efficiency has improved considerably."

The introduction of computers also allowed the City to save money in the area of employee wage payments, since the efficiency of the new system eventually allowed the Department to eliminate one of its personnel.

Currently, Napiorkowski's staff consists of Deputy Treasurer Carolyn Smith and Departmental clerks Rosemary Mazzola, Michelle Manikowski, and Jennifer Holtschlag.

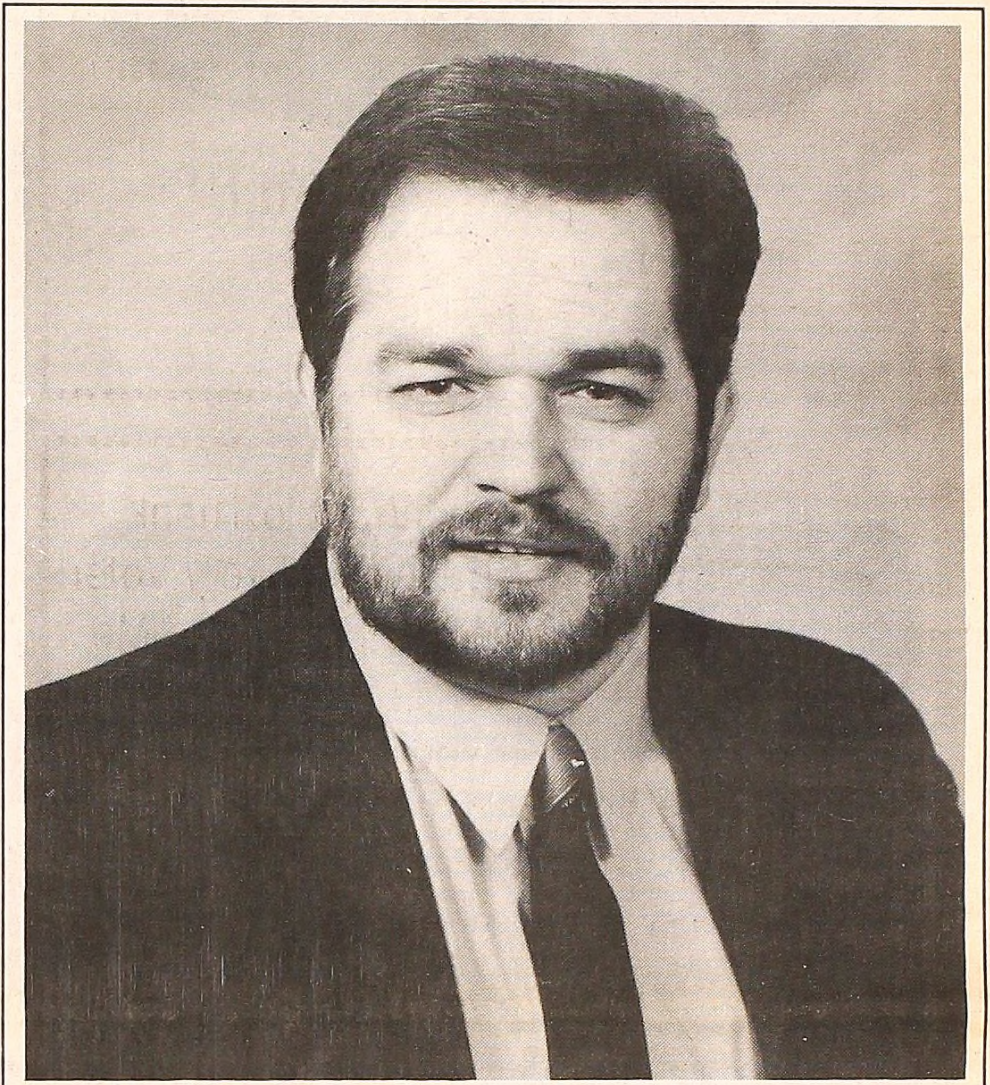
Said Napiorkowski, "I'm very fortunate; my staff is very efficient. They all do a good job, work well together, and even socialize away from work."

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In August 1992, after three years of preparation, Napiorkowski became a certified municipal financial administrator. Generally recognized as a prestigious ranking within the financial community, the certification is awarded by the National Treasurer's Association.

Napiorkowski is also a member of several organizations, both professional and social. The Treasurer is professionally affiliated with the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association (recently elected Director of the Association's board of directors) and the Wayne County Treasurers Association (currently serves as vice-president and will be sworn in as president in December). Other groups of which he is a member include the Municipal Treasurer's Association of the United States and Canada (since 1989); the Romulus Kiwanis Club, which he joined in 1988 and became president of just a month ago; the Romulus Democratic Club, which he joined in 1987 and has served as president of for the past three years; and the Romulus Building Authority, of which he has been an active member for five years. In fact, it is through the Building Authority that Napiorkowski has become heavily involved with the removal of asbestos at City Hall and the Romulus Public Library.

In 1990, Napiorkowski began working on the Romulus Salvation Army Advisory Council. Meeting once a month, the Council advises the charitable group's Romulus branch on local business affairs and the like. Consisting of approximately 15 members of the community, the Council is now working its way through the relocation of the Salvation Army's Romulus facility — a move required due to the expansion plans of Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Napiorkowski noted that



ground-breaking for the new site, located at the intersection of Van Born and Middlebelt roads, will begin next spring.

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Napiorkowski and his wife Angelika have been married for 22 years. For the past eight years, Angelika has been with Romulus' St. Lawrence Press, Inc., working in accounting, invoicing, and payroll. She enjoys baking and collecting antiques, and attends numerous antique flea-markets each year.

Twenty-one-year-old James, Jr., is the eldest of the couple's children. James has been in the Air Force for the past year and a half, and is currently pulling temporary duty in Saudi Arabia. In that particular "world hot-spot," James' unit is directly connected with the mission of maintaining aerial patrols over the area's "no-fly zone." After completing his military obligation, he hopes to work for an airline, performing aircraft maintenance.

Daughter Michelle, 19, does clerical work at the Canton branch of State Farm Insurance. Michelle likes camping and often goes with a group of friends that she knows from her high-school days.

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For the past 19 years, Napiorkowski has belonged to the Allen Park Model Railroading Club. During weekly meetings, the Club's eight current members work on their 20'x40' model train layout, which consists of hand-laid track and custom-made buildings and scenery. The layout can accommodate six model trains at any given time.

"When I was in the Air Force," said Napiorkowski, "I built model airplanes, but they were too easily ruined when they crashed. With model railroading, I was looking, so to speak, for something more permanent."

"At our meetings," he continued, "we work on our layout most of the time. Twice a year, though, we have 'operating sessions' that run from six to eight weeks. During those meetings, we actually mimic authentic railroading."

Woodworking was named by Napiorkowski as another hobby that he enjoys. Although he's been working with wood for most of his life, he's found that, during the past eight or nine years, his interest has intensified.

"When the City's cable TV was starting," he noted, "the Cable Commission provided the money for materials, and I volunteered my time to construct the console that holds all the equipment."

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When asked to comment on his tenure as City Treasurer, Napiorkowski replied, "I really enjoy the job, especially the interaction with the people. My main goal is to keep the office running as efficiently as possible. Also, I want to provide as many services to the community as possible while still staying within our budget."

And, considering the vote of confidence which the people of Romulus have given to him in the last four elections, it is apparent that his abilities in these areas are both recognized and appreciated. □

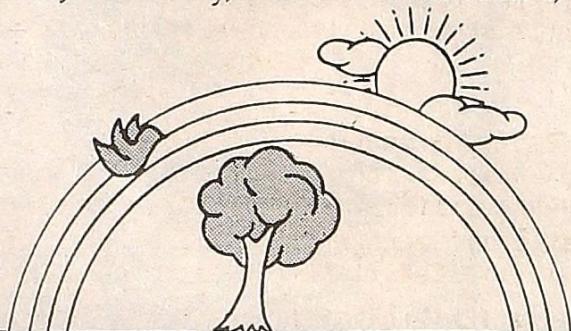
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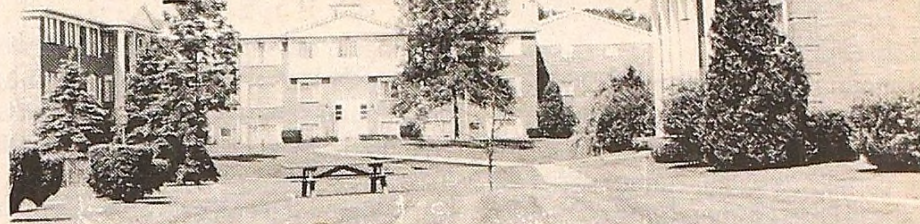
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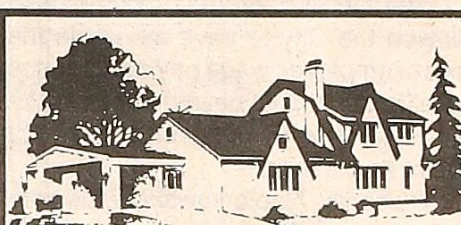
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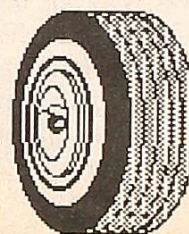
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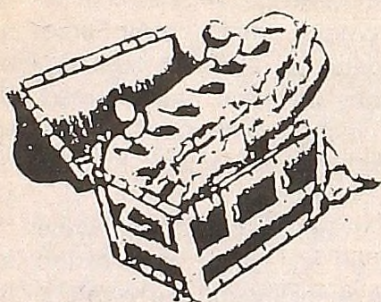
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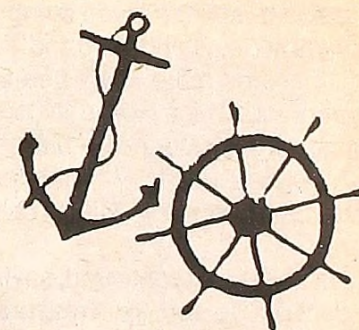
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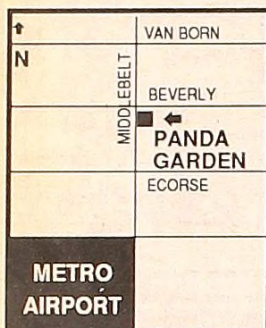
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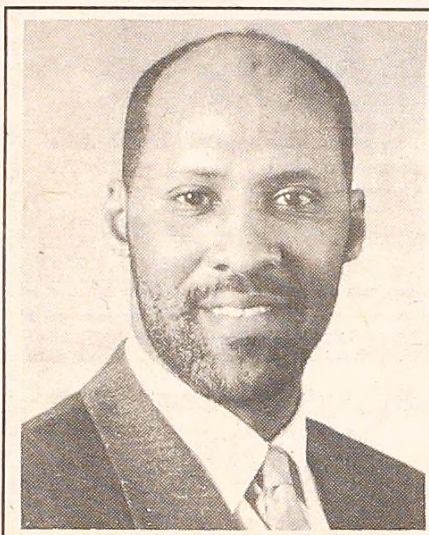
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Community Calendar

- **Home Gun Safety Course** – The Romulus Police Department will sponsor a Home Gun Safety Course from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 4, at the Romulus Recreation Department (located at 36515 Bibbins, downtown Romulus). The course will consist of classroom work *only*; attendees *may not* bring weapons to the class! Romulus residents may attend the course free of charge; nonresidents must pay a fee of \$5. For more information, please call the Romulus Police Department at 941-8400.
- **Mentors Sought** – The Community Commission on Drug Abuse (CCODA), a community prevention agency, is looking for mentors to help support, educate, and nurture pregnant and parenting teens in western Wayne County. Training is on-going. Next training is in early November. For more information, call Gail at 313-513-7598.
- **Fiddler on the Roof** – The Huron Civic Theatre is ushering in its second decade of theatre with a production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Show dates are November 5–7 (Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 8 p.m.; Sunday show is at 3 p.m.). Tickets are \$9 for adults; \$8 for students/seniors. Group rates are available. Call 782-5380 for information.
- **CUMC Annual Bazaar/Hot Chicken Salad Luncheon** – Community United Methodist Church will hold a Bazaar/Luncheon on Friday, November 5 – Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Luncheon (\$6) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. CUMC is located at the corner of Olive and Bibbins in downtown Romulus.
- **St. Paul's Sauerkraut Supper** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (corner of Ellis and Craig St., New Boston) is having an all-you-can-eat Sauerkraut Supper on Thursday, November 4, beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and children over 12; ages five to 12 pay just \$4.
- **St. Stephen's Craft Bazaar** – The Mother's Guild of St. Stephen Church (New Boston) invites you to begin your holiday shopping at its annual craft bazaar on Saturday, November 20, from 12 to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, November 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, please contact Cheryl (753-3011) or St. Stephen School.
- **Craft Show** – The Schoolcraft College Foundation's 1993 Fall Craft Show – to be held at the College's Physical Education Building (located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia) on Saturday, November 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, November 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – will feature the work of over 140 exhibitors, as well as raffles and refreshments. Free parking is available. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and children over 12; 50¢ for children five to 12; free for children under five. Proceeds will go to fund student scholarships.
- **One-day Health Seminars** – Annapolis Hospital–Westland Center's Community Education Series is a program of free one-day seminars, conducted by experts in the medical field, on a variety of topics. The one-day classes (Parenting – November 11; Understanding Dreams – November 16) will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Annapolis–Westland auditorium. To register (registrations will be accepted up to and including the day of each class), call 467-2840.
- **Weight Watchers Southern-style Chili Sampling** – Open your mind – and your mouth – when Weight Watchers food advisors present Southern-style chili at Waldenbooks, Little Professor, and B. Dalton bookstores. A demonstration on how to prepare this yummy new Weight Watchers recipe, as well as free samples, will be presented at Waldenbooks (29155 Northwestern Highway, Southfield) on Friday, November 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; at Little Professor (380 S. Main Street, Plymouth) on Friday, November 12, from 7 to 8 p.m.; at B. Dalton Bookseller (2300 Eureka Road, Southland Mall, Taylor) on Friday, November 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; and at Waldenbooks (Woodland Square, 30200 Plymouth Road, Livonia) on Saturday, November 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, please call 1-800-487-4777.
- **TOPS Meetings** – TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) – a support group that provides encouragement to its members as each follows his/her chosen "safe weight-loss" program – meets at 6 p.m. every Tuesday at the Kirkridge Park Cooperative Clubhouse (Belleville). For more information, call Kim (697-3721) or Flo (722-1319).

To place information in the Community Calendar, please mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at (313) 941-4874; or call (313) 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Masters, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

News from the Romulus Tower

Happy Birthday—Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in November: Mabel Atkinson, Nellie Barton, Maxine Goachee, Suzanne Hale, Edith Millward, Lula Newsome, Irene Nowakowski, Blanche Perrego, Florida Philpot, and Helen Zwalesky.

News from the Romulus Senior Center

Trainees Sought—Attention, senior citizens! The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will offer free training in tax preparation to seniors who will volunteer one day per week in the months of February, March, and April, 1994, to prepare free tax returns for other seniors at the Romulus Senior Center. The two-week training session (with classes held three to four days per week) will be conducted in January. For more information, please call Barbara Schultz at the Romulus Senior Center (942-6852).

Potluck—November 16 is the day set for this month's potluck at the Center, which will feature tender, juicy roast beef. Bring a dish and bring a friend.

Senior Van Shopping—For a transportation fee of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's Senior Van on November 5 to shop at Southland Mall, on November 12 for a special lunch/greenhouse tour, or on November 19 to shop at Meijer in Belleville. Sign up at the Center if you're interested. (Note: Trips, limited to 14 passengers, are open on a first-come, first-served basis. You must pay your transportation fee by check or money order at the time of sign-up to reserve your seat.)

Special Trips—Seniors interested in more information about these or other scheduled trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Masters: 942-6852.

• **Smoky Mountain Christmas**—Enjoy the holidays "Southern Style" on this four-day/three-night trip to the famous Smoky Mountains. Highlights of the trip, which departs November 19, include stops at Dollywood and La Comedia restaurant and theater, as well as "Christmas in Dixie" at the Dixie Stampede. Cost for the package is just \$279 (based on double-occupancy rates).

• **Meadow Brook Hall Christmas Tour**—Make this holiday season extra jolly by joining your fellow seniors for a day of lunch at Mountain Jack's (your choice of entree: peppercorn chicken, prime rib, or whitefish) and a tour of Meadow Brook Hall (on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan) and Knoles Cottage (where Santa is waiting to greet the young and not-so-young alike) on Friday, December 3. The \$42 cost of the one-day trip includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, lunch, and the tour.

• **Casino Gambling**—If you love to flirt with Lady Luck, you won't want to miss this special two-day trip—which departs January 13, 1994—to the Clarion Kewadin Hotel and Casino. A cost of just \$99 (based on double-occupancy rates) includes the following: round-trip motorcoach transportation; one night's lodging; and a complimentary casino package (\$10 in blackjack chips, \$20 in quarters, \$5 in Keno play, three pull tabs, two free drinks, one draw chance, and a 10% discount at the restaurant).

Weekly Programs at the Center—Chances are, you'll find at least one of your favorite hobbies among these regular events at the Romulus Senior Center: ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); pinochle (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO! (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); oil painting (Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.); country line dancing (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); euchre (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.). □

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Happy Birthday

Arika Montgomery Is One Year Old!

Vonda and Wiley Montgomery are proud to announce that their little girl, Arika, turned one year old on October 17, 1993. About 35 family members and friends helped to celebrate the event.

Arika had a "Miss Piggy" cake that was made by a special friend, and the little redhead enjoyed digging into her cake face-first! Of course, cameras were flashing as Arika walked around, showing off her newly acquired talent.

Then came time to rip open the many presents. Arika put bows, boxes, and tissue paper on her head. She got a new telephone and, when it rang, she picked it up and said, "Hi, Dadda!"

She ended the evening with a shower in the kitchen sink, then posed for a portrait with Mom, Papa, and Great-Grandmother Wilks. A big yawn signaled the end of a busy day.



Happy birthday, Arika! Your family loves you very much! □

The Stork Arrived

Gabriele Aunjelique Jeanette Chafins

Steve Chafins and Anjanette Erensen of Romulus, Michigan, are the proud parents of a new daughter, Gabriele Aunjelique Jeanette Chafins.

Gabriele was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 12:38 a.m. on Wednesday, August 25, 1993, weighing in at eight pounds even and measuring 21 inches in length.

Terry and Linda Kelbassa (Romulus, MI) are Gabriele's paternal grandparents; her maternal grandparents are Al and Kris Curcio (Romulus, MI).



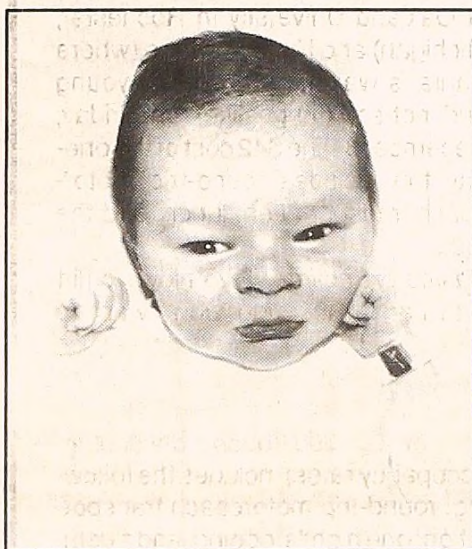
Paul Joseph Green, Jr.

Proudly announcing the birth of their first son, Paul Joseph Green, Jr., are Paul and Sandra Green of Romulus, Michigan.

Paul Jr. was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, September 29, 1993. At birth, he weighed six pounds, 10 ounces, and measured 21 inches in length.

Especially excited about Paul's arrival was his big sister, Shelby, who is two years old.

Paul's paternal grandparents are Clyde and Lula Green (Romulus, MI); Mary and Lloyd Nault (Las Vegas, NV) and Gail Rutherford (Inkster, MI) are his maternal grandparents.



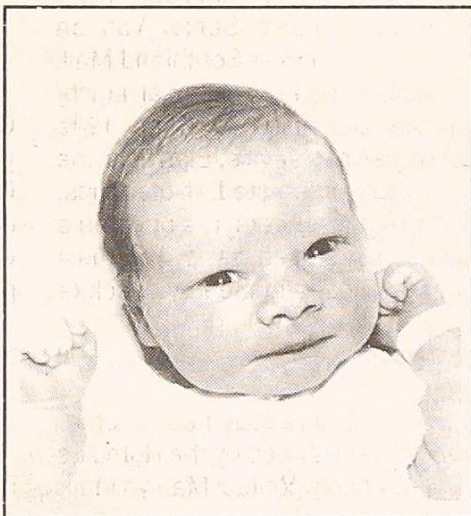
Jeremy Michael Piazza

Mike Sargent and Jennifer Piazza of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first son, Jeremy Michael Piazza.

Jeremy was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 30, 1993, weighing in at six pounds, 15 ounces, and measuring 19 inches in length.

Giving him a warm welcome home were his two big sisters, Jamie Renee (age three) and Jaclyn Marie (age one).

Jeremy's paternal grandparents are Hallus and Marcia Sargent (Romulus, MI); Fred Fincher and Janet Piazza (Romulus, MI) are his maternal grandparents.



Shennay Danielle Strong

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Shennay Danielle Strong, are Phillip and Renee Strong of Romulus, Michigan.

Shennay was born in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (Ypsilanti, MI) at 7:20 p.m. on Friday, September 24, 1993. At birth, she weighed eight pounds, five ounces, and measured 21 inches in length.

Also pleased with little Shennay's arrival is her much-older brother, Laramie Petroski.

Willie and Charlene Strong (Westland, MI) are Shennay's paternal grandparents; her maternal grandmother is Shirley Petroski (Florida). □



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Obituaries

Ernest F. Muck

Ernest F. Muck of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, October 25, 1993, at the age of 81.

A retired maintenance worker for the Ford Motor Company, Ernest – a Romulus native who was born on May 23, 1912 – married Mildred Killingbeck in Taylor, Michigan, on November 23, 1935.

Ernest is survived by his son, Thomas F. Muck (California); his daughter, Mrs. Bill (Dorothy) Harrison (Romulus, MI); six grandchildren; seven great-grand-

children; and one brother, Rudolph Muck, Jr. (Dexter, MI). He was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 27, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Marvin Hawbaker (Calvary Baptist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Kathleen M. Polen

Kathleen M. Polen – a resident of Romulus, Michigan – died on Thursday, October 14, 1993. She was 73 years old.

Kathleen, who pursued a career in nursing, was born in Indiana on February 28, 1920.

Kathleen is survived by three sons, George R. (San Luis Obispo, CA), Donald R. (Redondo Beach, CA), and John A. Liddle (Wayne, MI); four daughters, Mrs. Gary (Deean A.) Schwieder (Rosemont,

MN), Mrs. Jane Crawford (Huntington Harbor, CA), Mrs. Donald (Marcia K.) Baker (Romulus, MI), and Mrs. Kathy S. Nelson (California); 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, October 18, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend J.D. Landis (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Memorial tributes may be made to the organization of your choice.

Frank W. Smith

Frank W. Smith of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, November 1, 1993, at the age of 40.

Frank – who was born in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, on December 18, 1952 – had been employed as a truck driver for the Chief Trucking Company.

He is survived by his wife, Mary (Poet) Smith; one son, Clifford W. Smith (Romulus, MI); his mother, Mrs. Jessie J. (Harr) Smith (Naples, FL); and two sisters, Mrs. Dennis (Tina) Goodman (Taylor, MI) and Mrs. Sue Sheedy (Onaway, MI).

David Michael Walz

David Michael Walz of Huron Township, Michigan, died on Sunday, October 24, 1993. He was 55 years old.

A quality control engineer for the Ford Motor Company, David was born in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, on September 28, 1938. He and his wife Mary E. Zorrillia were married in St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI) on June 25, 1960.

David is survived by his wife; one son, Michael D. Walz (Romulus, MI); one daughter, Mrs. Jerry (Davena M.) Rohn (New Boston, MI); one granddaughter,

Sara Rohn; his mother, Dorothy Hlubeck; and three sisters, Mrs. Joseph (Joann) DiFranco (Dearborn, MI), Miss Shirley M. Walz (Livonia, MI), and Mrs. Richard (Elizabeth) Dutton (Livonia, MI). His father predeceased him earlier this year.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 27, at St. Stephen Catholic Church, with Father Alexander Wytrwal officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home. Memorial Tributes may be made to the Cancer Melanoma Research Fund. □

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REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 11, 1993

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, October 11, 1993, was called to order by President Kesner at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Patterson absent (excused). All Administrators were present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

Approval of Agenda:

Dr. Bedell recommended the following addition to the Agenda: Under Report of the Superintendent add Item B. 1. "Executive Session".

10/93/1 Moved by King supported by Berlinn the Board approve the Agenda as amended by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

10/93/2 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Berlinn the Board approve the Minutes of September 27, 1993, and the Study Session of October 4, 1993, as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (Langley). Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Various members of the audience spoke on such issues as Media Tech position, Toledo Zoo bus cancellation, proper behavior during Pledge of Allegiance, rescheduling athletic events, etc.

Report of the Superintendent:

Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval:

A. **Leave of Absence:** Elisa Kosikowski, Para. – Wick, 10/18/93 – 8/31/94.

B. **Resignation:** Janet Hines, Tech. Aide – Sr. High, Eff. 9/26/93; and Gail Lividini, Bus Dr., Eff. 9/20/93.

C. **Retirement:** George Simko, Maintenance, Eff. 10/1/93.

D. **Termination:** Karen Luttermoser, Bus Aide, Eff. 9/7/93.

10/93/3 Moved by King supported by Berlinn the Board approve the Personnel Actions as recommended by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

10/93/4 Moved by Berlinn supported by Wilkerson the Board approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Executive Session

10/93/5 Moved by King supported by Hoffman the Board convene in Executive Session. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:02 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:50 P.M.

Review and Approval of Budget Cuts

10/93/6 Moved by Hoffman supported by Berlinn the Board of Education enact budget cuts for 1993–1994 totalling \$612,200 and cuts for 1994–1995 totalling \$1,298,200. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Re-Adoption of 1993–1994 Budget

10/93/7 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Hoffman the Board adopt the amended 1993–1994 budget with projected revenue of \$26,642,248 and projected expenses of \$26,633,895. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Barton Malow – Change Orders

10/93/8 Moved by Berlinn supported by Wilkerson the Board of Education issue the following Change Orders:

Ann Arbor Roofing, C & R Equipment, Erlicon Co., Great Lakes Mechanical, Pontiac Ceiling & Partition, Prudential Painting, Russell Hardware, Simone Contractor, Stafford-Smith and Westwood Carpentry.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Michigan Week Festival – Annual Request

10/93/9 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Hoffman the Board approve the request dated 9/16/93 for the Romulus Michigan Week Festival to use the Old South field for its annual festival, contingent on the District being held harmless. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Governor's Speech Report

A summary of Governor Engler's speech regarding school financing reform was presented to the Board.

Student Transfer and Addendum – Student Transfer

10/93/10 Moved by Wilkerson supported by King the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the transfer of Christopher Quarrels to attend Van Buren Schools for the 1993–1994 school year and permit Natalie Brooks to be enrolled in the Taylor School District for the 1993–1994 school year. Ayes: 5. Nays: 1 (Berlinn). Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members:

1) Finance Minutes; 2) "Thank You" – Sandy Langley; 3) List of Student Transfers – Three Years; 4) Cottage Inn – Request to Serve Pizza; 5) Ed Clark – Conference Presentation; 6) Dolan/Stoh – Close Up Foundation; 7) MEAP Academy – Final Report; and 8) Operation – Senior High Clean Up.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Kesner – Asked about Open House at Cory last week. Board should be notified of activities.

Member Langley – Felt temporary employees should go before Board before hiring.

Adjournment:

10/93/11 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Berlinn the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra F. Langley, Secretary
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